compensation of each of the Garrett County election board members in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary compensations of each of the Garrett County election board members shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 4, 1976.

## CHAPTER 371

(House Bill 294)

AN ACT concerning

Volunteer Firemen - [[Pensions]] <u>Service Awards</u>

FOR the purpose of [[requiring county governments]]

authorizing Kent and Queen Anne's Counties to enact
a [[pension plan]] service award for volunteer
firemen.

BY adding to

Article 38A — Fires and Investigations Section 45A Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 45A be and it is hereby added to Article 38A — Fires and Investigations, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Peplacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 38A - Fires and Investigations

45A -

THE [[GOVERNMENT OF EVERY COUNTY SHALL]]

GOVERNMENTS OF KENT AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTIES MAY ENACT A

[[PENSION]] SERVICE AWARD PLAN FOR THE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN

IN THE [[COUNTY]] COUNTIES BASED ON LENGTH OF SERVICE.

THE PLAN SHALL BECOME 9EFFECTIVE PRICE TO JULY 2, 1980.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 4, 1976.